

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cook. The Examiner noted that Cook shows a device for dispensing a viscous material comprising a grout holding member 10, plunger 34, first nozzle 46, and second nozzle 15.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1, from which claims 2-8 depend, to show that the plunger moves through the grout holding member, in direct contact with the grout. Further, Applicant has amended claim 1 to show that the plunger is the element responsible for moving the grout through the grout holding member out the second nozzle. This is very important, because the present invention allows grout to be dispensed, and then the user can simply remove the first nozzle, the second nozzle, and the plunger to clean the interior of the grout holding member. In short, the present invention uses very few parts to create an effective tool for dispensing grout. Unlike the substance dispensed from Cook's device, the grout dispensed from the present invention will dry quickly if left too long inside the grout holding member. Thus, there is no reason for Cook's device to have required the few parts and quick cleaning access that the present invention offers.

Applicant petitions for a three month extension past the shortened-statutory period for response. Please charge all fees due and owing to Deposit Account No. 500356 in the name of A + Legal Services - Greenberg & Lieberman.



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Respectfully submitted,

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